

Remarks

The drawings were objected to because they contained hand drawn figures.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Franca-Neto (U.S.P.N. 6,721,544, hereinafter Franca-Neta) in view of Tikka, *et al.* (U.S.P.N. 6,407,649, hereinafter Tikka). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Franca-Neta in view of Tikka as applied to claim 1, in further view of Sainton *et al.* (U.S.P.N. 6,134,453, hereinafter Sainton). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Franca-Neto in view of Tikka and Sainton as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Podgorski (U.S.P.N. 6,075,495, hereinafter Podgorski).

Claims 5 and 7 are allowed.

Figures

Formal drawings are submitted herewith. No amendments have been made to the claims. The objection to the drawings is believed to be overcome.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) - Claims 1, 3, and 4

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled.

The limitations of allowed dependent claim 5 have been added to now recited claim 1. Allowed dependent claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any further questions or would like to discuss this application in more detail, he is invited to call the applicant's agent at the telephone number given below. The applicant respectfully suggests that the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicant solicits favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

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